

D.O.M. FEBRUARY 1997

GENERAL COMMENTS

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To steal a phrase from one of our recent politicoes- what you have here is 'Bob' Scholar's first D.O.M. since last August (SLCC1408). Before I say anything else, I want to thank Terry Stearns who filled in- with almost no warning. He turned in three D.O.M.s; and has indicated that he will be our Software Co-Chairman. I'm hoping to work with him on an alternating month basis. In case you didn't know it, he was the 8-Bit librarian for ABACUS for several years. My thanks also to Bob Woolley, Robbie Bridges, & others who helped me in so many ways during the past year.

I may not have kept everyone up to date on the reasons I goofed off for so long. Eadie (my wife of 59 years) has had several serious health crises during the last 13 months. She's been hospitalized at least four times, for days or weeks, each time. Thanks to Kaiser, and several excellent Doctors she is now on the mend, - and starting to get around again. I hope we have seen the worst of her problems.

D.O.M. SUMMARY

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This disk is one single, massive Text/ADventure, called MANGAN. It is from the BELLCOM collection, and it's

in Extended density (or 1050) format. It uses both sides of the disk- under Turbo BASIC so you boot WITHOUT BASIC and ONLY on XL/XE! You are on your space ship (S.S. MANGAN). You have been surprised by space pirates, your ship was looted, and you were left wounded. Will you survive to fly again? This huge Text/ADventure game is from Germany. It's illustrated with about 3 dozen gRaphics screens. The accompanying text has been translated into English (more or less!!). The disk Directory, below, will give you an idea of its size and how it works. (Text files are labelled 'T', and 'P' denotes gRaphic files). I added this disk DOC file and an AUTODOC reader (AUTORUN.BAS) for it.

DIRECTORY of DISK #1502:-

Front:- Boot without BASIC!

* D.O.M.-->	000	*-<No. 1502a	000
*SAN LEANDRO	000	*COMP.. CLUB	000
*DOS SYS	037	*SLCC1502DOC	035
*AUTORUN SYS	145	MANGAN TUR	141
*T	1 002	*P	2 040
*ZSATZ FNT	009	*P	1 040
*P	4 040	*P	9 040
*P	6 040	*P	7 040
*P	8 040	*P	10 040
*P	11 040	*P	13 040
*P	12 040	*P	3 040
*P	13B 040	*P	16 040

*BEGINN	TXT	008	*RAUM	DAT	008
*T	2	002	*T	3	002
*T	4	002	*T	6	002
T	7	002	T	8	002
*T	9	002	*T	10	002
*T	11	002	*T	12	002
*T	13	002	*T	13B	002
*T	16	002	INTRO	BAS	013
AUTORUN	BAS	006	020	FREE	SECTORS

Back:- Use AS PROMPTED by program!

* S.L.C.C.->	000	*-<No. 1502b	000
*DOS SYS	037	*DUP SYS	042
*AUTORUN SYS	012	*P	20 040
*P	18 040	*P	17 040
*P	19 040	*P	19B 040
*P	19A 040	*P	21 040
*P	22 040	*P	22A 040
*P	23 040	*P	23A 040
*P	24 040	*P	24A 040
*P	25 040	*P	26 040
*P	26A 040	*P	27 040
*SIEG PIC	062	*P	5 040
*P	14 040	*P	15 040
T	5 002	T	14 002
T	15 002	T	17 002
T	18 002	T	19 002
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Minutes and Stuff

January 1997

The first meeting of the new year was called to order by President Robbie Bridges at 8:12 PM. For a change Robbie was ready but our highly overpaid setup staff did not have the computers up and running. All Officers were present and doing nothing as usual.

Robbie read the mail that consisted mostly of PC information for User Groups. The President also reported that our meeting schedule has been approved for the first half of 1997, all meetings should be in the regular room baring a last minute change by the library.

Bob Scholar was in attendance and is now

phenomenon could not have happened without some type of assistance. This being the case the matter was discussed at length and it was decided that Bob could not have practiced enough to beat the game and after consulting Rome, divine intervention was ruled out.

Now after all this what is left? For a while the investigators were truly puzzled and by a process of elimination every possibility was ruled out. As everything else had been ruled out divine intervention was the only answer despite Rome's ruling. (Actually the divine intervention was in the form of somebody with the initials of B. W. going in and adjusting the programming of the game. Which proves that there is always a simple answer for what seem to be very complex problems.)

PS. Of more than passing interest was a column by John Dvorak in PC magazine this month. In this column he discusses the JTS corporation where our friends that used to be ATARI eloped. It seems they are working on a new type disk drive for laptop computers. Dvorak also named some of the companies that have financed JTS and it reads like a list of top disk drive companies. Maybe ATARI was not as crazy as it seemed, at least Dvorak thinks there is something to watch for in the near future.

See you at the meeting Jim Moran -
Secretary.

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in good health and reported his wife's health is improving, with a bit of luck Bob will be back doing the 8 BIT Floppy by next meeting.

Bob Woolley continued his review of some of the clubs older 8 BIT floppies and to everybody's surprise he finally found a game he could master. The game is the old standby, FILLERUP, a takeoff of the QUIST game. Bob not only was able to beat the game he did it very consistently and masterfully. There were also several other classic 8 BIT programs on this particular disk, BLOCKADE, a two player game, BANDIT, a text slot machine and HORSE, a character graphics demo.

Everybody was amazed that Woolley finally found a game he could beat but after much thought by many people it was decided this

As a closing demo Robbie demonstrated the new Flight Simulator program for Windows 95. It sure looks like Microsoft has come up with another winner. The simulator looks great with many new features and improvements

The regular crooked raffle was held and obviously the crooked operators missed their cues and allowed some of the wrong people to win some of the great raffle prizes. Among the prizes, tee shirts and caps from some of Lucas films coming attractions. Those shirts and caps must have been made of gold the way everybody was scrambled for them.

Having run out of problems to either fix or more likely cause, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

**GENERAL
MEETING**
TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 4th, 1997
8:00PM
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Leandro